



Appendix 5

Victim Services Component

The Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) provides services to victims and other concerned citizens through notification efforts, sex and violent offender registration, law enforcement notification, facility ALERT Notification Services, referrals, and victim advocacy. Through these initiatives, Indiana strives to give victims and victim service providers a voice in the Indiana correctional system while gaining from their experience and unique perspectives.

Statewide Victims Stakeholders Group

A Statewide Victims Stakeholders Group is being established to advise the Department on ways to support victims and to provide justice in Indiana. The group will be used as a sounding board for new ideas and initiatives and will be asked to provide updates to their individual memberships.

The membership of this group will be made up of individuals from each of the State's major victim advocacy groups in addition to individuals identified by field staff. As an initial starting point, the membership will include crime victims and those who serve them. In addition, field staff will be asked to identify regional and local victim service providers in their respective geographic areas.

Facility and District Points of Contact

The contact is a group being established to assist with Department communications to local and regional victim service stakeholder groups. Efforts will include educating local groups concerning Department programming and services in addition to other reentry efforts associated with victims. These individuals will also assist with restorative justice efforts and victim - offender dialogue. Each facility and parole district will have at least one individual assigned to this group.

SAVIN

Indiana SAVIN, or Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification, is a service that allows crime victims and other concerned citizens to receive real-time information about the custody status of an offender held in an Indiana jail or prison. Individuals can register online or call to speak directly with an IDOC employee to assist them with registration and to answer questions. The system is personal and provides victims with notification options, improves information that is available to law enforcement and other justice professionals, and leverages current and future technology while reducing overall system costs.

Indiana SAVIN is available online at www.indianasavin.in.gov.

ALERT

ALERT is a system to keep Indiana residents informed of emergency situations near the Agency's correctional facilities. When an emergency occurs, officials can access the ALERT Notification Service and notify nearby residents within minutes. Notifications are received in the following manner:

ESCAPE

- In the event of an escape, registrants receive detailed information about the escapee, including physical description and time of escape.

OTHER EMERGENCIES

- Registrants will also be notified of emergency situations in and around correctional facilities.

Notifications are received via telephone and email. Follow-up messages are also received upon re-capture of the offender or the resolution of an emergency situation. The ALERT Notification Services is available online at www.indianasavin.in.gov.

Sex and Violent Offender Registry

The Indiana Department of Correction partners with Indiana Sheriffs to maintain the Indiana Sex and Violent Offender Registry. The Department is required to register offenders prior to their release. Before release, agency staff determines:

- Whether offenders are required to register
- Whether they are Sexually Violent Predators (SVPs)
- How long they are required to register

After making these determinations, the Agency orally informs the offender of his/her duty to register. The offender is required to acknowledge this by signing a form of understanding also advising him/her of their duty to register. The following information is then provided to the law enforcement:

The offender's fingerprints, photograph, and identification factors

- The address where the offender expects to reside
- The offender's complete criminal history
- Information about mental health treatment
- Information indicating whether or not the individual is a predator

The Sex and Violent Offender Registry is available online at <http://www.icrimewatch.net/indiana.php>.